

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of )  
Fan Yung Ma ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
Serial No. To be assigned ) Art Unit: Not Assigned  
Filed: July 11, 2001 ) Atty Dkt No.: 2001P12200US  
For: ZERO STATIC POWER )  
PROGRAMMABLE FUSE CELL )  
FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS )  
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PETITION TO ACCORD A FILING DATE

Sir:

This is a Petition to Accord A Filing Date and an assignment of an Application Number.

The above-identified patent application (attorney docket number 2001 P 12200 US), entitled *Zero Static Power Programmable Fuse Cell for Integrated Circuits* was filed on July 11, 2001. Enclosed with this Petition is a copy of the application as originally filed along with the accompanying documents (Exhibit A). Applicant submits that the application as filed satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR §1.53(b)(1). Further enclosed is a copy of the stamped return post card from the USPTO (Exhibit B). The USPTO sticker on the post card indicates an application number of 09/905,208 with a date of July 11, 2001.

Applicant has not yet received any notice or filing receipt regarding this patent application (2001 P 12200 US).

Incidentally, this application (2001 P 12200 US) was concurrently filed with another patent application having a similar title, *Zero Static Power Fuse Cell For Integrated Circuits* (attorney docket number 2000 P 13206 US). Enclosed with this Petition is a copy of the application as originally filed along with the accompanying documents (Exhibit C). Applicant submits that the application as filed satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR §1.53(b)(1). Further enclosed is a copy of the stamped return Post Card from the USPTO (Exhibit D). The USPTO sticker on the post card indicates an application number of 09/905,208 with a date of July 11, 2001.

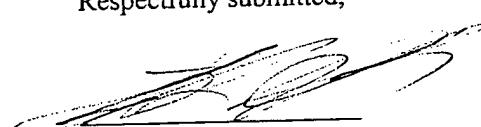
As reviewed above, both patent applications received a stamped return Post Card **sharing the same Application Number: 09/905,208** (Exhibits B and D). Subsequently, Applicant received a filing receipt for one of the **two** cases (Exhibit E). However, it is not clear as to which case the filing receipt pertains. The filing receipt title of the application refers to the 2001 P 12200 US case but the attorney docket number refers to the accompanying 2000 P 13206 US case. Due to the similarity in the titles of the two applications, the USPTO may have mistakenly processed both applications as one, as evidenced by the return post cards of the applications having been assigned the same serial number.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application (2001 P 12200 US) be accorded a filing date of July 11, 2001, the date on which the application was filed, and respectfully requests the issuance of a formal filing receipt for that date in addition to a different assigned Application Number. However, if the outcome reveals that the filing receipt (Exhibit E) already received by the Applicant steadfastly is associated with the present application (2001 P 12200 US) and not the accompanying application (2000 P 13206 US), the request to be accorded a filing date would than apply to the accompanying application (2000 P 13206 US) instead.

Please charge the Petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1) to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. Triplicate copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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